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First invented as a sales give-away promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer", so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,050 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Spike Jones Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.

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| Post Office | 23 | 10 |
| Gladstone | 15 | 18 |
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PAMPLIN VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, of Lynchburg visited her mother, Mrs. Ruby Clark during the week-end.

Paul Ferguson and son, Gregory, and Warren Erskill, all of Lynchburg called to see the former's father, A. B. Ferguson Saturday night.

Mrs. C. M. Gallaher, of Lynchburg visited her sister, Mrs. S. R. Hubbard one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Juddie Glover.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Baldwin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Swanson Anderson, James Hicks, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Ferguson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Price and daughter.

Miss Bessie Ann Glover spent Monday with Miss Peggy Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Roberts, of Tuggle spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richardson.

Those who visited Mrs. Greene Garrett recently were Mr. and Mrs. DeVolo Garrett and daughter, Peggy; Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and son, James Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Linford Cumby and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby all called to see Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cumby recently? Mrs. Cumby is ill at this writing.

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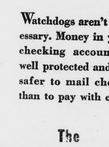




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## FATHER DARKLEAF

By The Editor

holiday lethargy" is the big- phrase to describe the lull everything this week. It has set around town, and we dig deep to round up news. Many newspapers omit the seven Christmas and New Children are playing with toys, older folks check- Christmas cards and most eal features hash. Stores are taking inventory, and pack- any unsold holiday merchan-

friend, John Emmett, observ- birthday on December 25. Our ulations.

editor was deeply touched e humble by the unexpected of birthday greetings he re- last Friday. So many were rateful as to send a birthday lots of them added in per- sages or wrote separate Two friends came by to sing Birthday." Then on the ra- 2:30 Friday the station put on me by playing "Happy instead of the recording nounced. I am just senti- ough to believe that I am live in a community of and I am proud to boost ut on every possible occa-

e appreciate the many con- s we received on last e of the Times-Virginian, ly, we ran off some extra if they were in demand and er sales were fairly large. n, many gave a subscrip- the paper as a Christmas it is in order to welcome readers.

ulations to the American ter their successful Christ- project. Eighteen large toys were distributed.

## PER CENT COUNTIES DAY CONTEST

gh well over 60 per cent e counties in Virginia have ore schools entered in the Falls Essay Contest, ac- mission of Game and In- ries is concerned about that some teachers may misinformed as to proced- during the contest.

of a may packets were sent schools throughout the state ical entry cards were mail- The Commission wishes to teachers that the receiv- essay packet does not y mean they are entered test. They must mail in ch entry card, one of which ent to every school in If the card has become ther one may be obtained to Essay Contest Head- Box 1642, Richmond, Va.

mission of Game and In- ng Contests: tree identification, the selection of trees to be cut for im- provement of the woods, estimation of board feet content of standing timber, pulpwood estimating, log scaling, and acreage determination. The Albemarle Raritan Club hon- ored the winning teams at an even- ing banquet, at which time the win- ners received axes, tree pruners, hunting knives, automobile pumps and monetary awards, donated by Charlottesville merchants. The Rurit- an Club presented the winning team with a plaque.

## AM GAINING

ructional program of the nt of Game and Inland with the public schools and groups is making con- progress toward the opti- of a well informed, co- minded public, according monthly report sub- the special services sec- the Commission's education

Barrett, special services eeded a total of 22 separ- ups during the last month, individual contact of

among the organizations ves 10 club visits, 12 ols and 12 talks given b- groups and game clubs. ion picture programs e given with a total at- of 1545.

ription rate: $2.00 a year; advance.

## Seek Owners Of Money On Deposit

Several thousand dollars has been lying around in banks here, in Lynchburg, Farmville, and elsewhere in this judicial circuit for years without being claimed after having been deposited in banks to the credit of the circuit court in various law suits.

Joel W. Flood, judge of the circuit court, has appointed Murray Orman, Appomattox attorney, as a special commissioner to see if he can find the owners of the money. Some of the money has been on deposit since 1875, and in some cases, even the name of the lawsuit is missing.

W. M. Watkins, Farmville attorney, has been appointed to look into similar accounts in Prince Edward County, and William Watkins, also of Farmville, will investigate accounts deposited to the credit of the court in Cumberland County.

If the proper owners of the money cannot be found, it will be turned over to the Commonwealth.

Mr. Orman said that he would be glad to answer any inquiries from people who might have any claim to the money. Only the names of the accounts of more than $100 will be published as there is no provision in the law authorizing any expenditures for publication of lesser accounts.

## FORESTRY JUDGING CONTEST HELD

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 26— Five forestry judging teams sloshed sloshed through two inch s of snow Tuesday, Dec. 17, as the climax to a series of elimination bouts which have been going on in schools throughout Virginia since the opening of schools in September.

The boys from five Virginia high schools participated in six judging events to qualify for awards and prizes given to individuals and to teams.

The winning team, Dickenson Memorial High School, from Clintwood, Va., traveled 350 miles to compete in the contest. The team members, Billy Ratliff, Paul Moore, and Bennie Fleming, were coached by Elmer C. Smith, Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Dickenson. Mr. Smith has coached two forestry judging teams to victory—a young farmer team last spring and the high school team this year. Billy Ratliff turned in the best individual score for the contest.

The second place team was Nansemond High School, of Campbell County, composed of Lewis Winston, Henry Farmer, and Ryland Elliott, coached by Vocational Agriculture Instructor D. B. Riddle.

Third place was Louis High School, from Mineral, Va. The King William High School, Aylett, Va. received fourth place honors and the Elkton High School, Elkton, Va. got fifth place.

The boys went to the woods at 1 P. M. to compete in the following contests: tree identification, the selection of trees to be cut for improvement of the woods, estimation of board feet content of standing timber, pulpwood estimating, log scaling, and acreage determination.

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## EVERGREEN PTA

The Evergreen Parent - Teacher Association held its monthly meeting December 17. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Clifton Paulette, and prayer offered by Mrs. John K. Hamilton. Others taking part were Mrs. Louise Farrar, Mrs. Carl Womack, Mrs. Jay Clapp, Mrs. Shirley Martin, Mrs. Clara Garrett and Mrs. Ryland Staples.

The next meeting will be held on January 21.

—Reporter, Mrs. Louise Farrar.

Inquiry opens on mine blast that took lives of 119.

Kennan named as ambassador to Moscow.

Siam concerned about smuggling of opium.

Warwick man is killed by shotgun blast.

## Decorations Winners Are Announced

Awards were announced today in the judging of Christmas decorations of local homes, in the annual holiday promotion of the Appomattox Garden Club. Winners were:

First for doorways: Miss Beulah Ferrell and Mrs. J. E. Sears (tie).

Second: Mrs. Ivey Holland.

Third: Mrs. Frank Carr.

First for overall picture: Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr.

Second: Mrs. Ned LeGrand and Mrs. Willie A. McDearmon (tie).

Third: Mrs. W. M. Abbitt.

The homes were judged Monday night, the point system being used.

## Robert Craig Died Tuesday

Robert Craig, 80, leader in the religious and civic affairs of the Negroes of Appomattox County, died Christmas evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Ellis.

"Uncle Bob" retired four years ago after serving faithfully for forty years as janitor at the Appomattox High School. At that time he was honored by alumni of the school for his long service.

As a deacon in his church and a leader among his race, he will be greatly missed.

## URGED NOT TO SHOOT AT HIGHWAY SIGNS

Hunters are not the ones who shoot up state highway signs in the 10-county Lynchburg highway district, in the opinion of District Engineer S. V. Munsey.

The engineer said that most of the damage is done with heavy caliber bullets—not shotguns—and is continuous throughout the year.

In an appeal to marksmen not to destroy the warning and directional guides, the State Highway Department early in the season said that the state-wide damage annually costs some $25,000 and is heaviest in most places during the hunting season.

Munsey said that a check during the first two weeks of the season disclosed no freshly shot-up signs. There are many that have been defaced and not yet replaced, due to the critical metal shortage, but most of the damage was done prior to the season.

Not only is the shooting of signs a costly pleasure, it is against the law and a contribution to accidents. Damaging state signs is a misdemeanor which carries a penalty of up to $500.00 and or as much as 12 months in jail, while shooting within 100 yards of a highway provides another penalty.

If you want to test your skill as a marksman at any time of the year, try a tin can—don't shoot at the highway signs.

## GAME WARDENS ACTIVE

According to the latest game warden activities report released by the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries' law enforcement division, county game wardens and conservation officers were particularly active during the month of November.

The Commission's 115 wardens and conservation officers traveled over 342,009 miles, making 541 arrests, with 519 being convicted. The breakdown of the convictions was as follows: 57 dog law violators; 439 game law violations, and 13 fish law violations.

Appomattox is a growing town.

## New Advertising Rates Effective January 1

New advertising rates for space in the Times-Virginian will become effective January 1, 1952. Our paper has not increased its ad rate in twenty years, and has struggled to absorb mounting production costs. Even after the new rates are effective, the Times-Virginian will have one of the lowest ad scales in Virginia. A steady increase in circulation has been experienced by this paper during the past year, thus giving advertisers more for their money. New rate cards are available upon request.

—The Publishers.

## SANTA WAS HERE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

About 300 children were in Appomatox Saturday afternoon to see Santa Claus. Santa Claus was invited to Appomatox under the sponsorship of the Appomattox Lions Club, and his gift bag was well-filled with presents for the children. He met the children in the vacant lot next to Inge's Department Store.

## ON USS LATIMER

Serving aboard the auxiliary attack transport USS Latimer with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, is Terry D. Guill, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Guill, of Route 1, Appomattox, Va.

A unit of the Amphibious Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, the Latimer has made liberty calls at Oran, French Algeria, and Athens, Greece, Malta, Naples, Italy, and Sicily. She also participated in fleet training exercises recently completed at Sardinia.

## Deadline For Farm Reports

Farmers of Appomattox County who still have not made a report of practices carried out under the 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program have only two weeks left. John T. Hunter, chairman of the PMO County Committee repeated that Tuesday, January 15, is the last day on which the county office may accept reports of 1951 performance.

Mr. Hunter said that his office on December 26 mailed letters to all farmers who had not made a report by that time, as a final warning of the January 15 closing date. He said that the office will be open from Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A. M. until 5:00 P. M., for taking performance reports. Farmers who bought lime, fertilizer, or seed for use under a 1951 ACP practice payment should bring with them receipts or tags as evidence of such purchases.

## FIRE-CURED TOBACCO TO BE DISPLAYED AT FARMVILLE MARKET

Several different varieties of fire-cured tobacco produced by or for the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station will be displayed in Farmville on Friday, January 4.

G. R. Mathews, agronomist at V. P. I., says fire-cured tobacco growers, warehousemen, buyers, and others interested are invited to come and inspect the tobacco between 11 A. M. and noon. Each variety will be identified by appropriate signs as an aid to farmers who want to study the characteristics of the cured leaf.

Varieties on exhibit from the Charlotte branch of the Experiment Station include: Vesta 55 and 26, Ky. Yellow, Yellow Pryor, Little Dick, Hastings, Lizard Tail Orinoco, Lizard Tail Turtle Foot, Walker's Wide Leaf, Walker's Narrow Leaf, Brown Leaf, West Ky. 2, Ky. 153, and Silky Pryor.

Varieties from the one-quarter acre plots grown this year by farmers for the Experiment Station include Brown Leaf, Ky. 153, Little Orinoco, Lizard Tail Orinoco, and Ky. Yellow.

Mathews said that fire-cured growers whose farms have recently become infested with blackshank disease will be especially interested in examining the Vesta 55 and Vesta 26 varieties. These varieties are not immune to blackshank but do have high resistance to it.

The one-quarter-acre plots of fire-cured tobacco were produced by the following farmers: W. O. Drinkard, Campbell County; T. P. Scott, of Cumberland; R. W. Gannaway, of Buckingham, and S. T. Pugh, Charlotte.

Conference in steel dispute being held today.

## Teacher Pay In Virginia Is Below Average

The average salary for classroom teachers in Virginia during 1950-51 was $2391 as compared with $2236 for 1949-50, according to an analysis made by the Virginia Education Association. The analysis was based upon advance sheets of the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Virginia for the year ending June 30, 1951. The national average for the United States during 1950-51, according to the National Education Association, was $2980.

Because Virginia has no statewide salary schedule, it was pointed out that the average for Virginia has little beaning because during 1950-51 in 96 counties the average elementary salary was less than $2391, while the average high school salary was less than $2391 in 89 counties. As a matter of fact, during 1950-51, there are twelve counties in which there is no salary schedule for degree-a teachers—the beginning salary of $2000 being exactly the same as that for teachers with experience.

For 1950-51, the state elementary average was $2245, while the high school average was $2565, and the vocational average was $3080. Many vocational teachers are employed on a twelve-month basis, while the majority of other teachers are employed on a ten-month basis.

The average elementary salary is lower than the average secondary salary not because elementary teachers are paid less than high school teachers with similar qualifications, but because while most high school teachers have degrees, there are many elementary teachers who have less than four years of college training. The elementary average salary is also lower because approximately 93 per cent of emergency certificates are held by elementary teachers, and, as a rule, their salaries are considerably less than those of regularly certified teachers.

The range in elementary average salary in the counties was from $1499 in Tazewell County to $3130 in Arlington County.In other words, the average elementary salary in Tazewell County was half as much as the average elementary salary in Arlington County.

The range in average high school teacher's salary was from $1886 in Bland County to $3328 in Arlington County.

Between county and city elementary teachers, there was an average salary difference of $715 in favor of the city elementary teachers and a $783 difference in favor of the city high school teachers.

The ten counties with the highest elementary average salaries are: Arlington, $3130; Fairfax, $2612; Albemarle, $2409; King George, $2399; Warwick, $2323; Chesterfield, $2271; Alleghany, $2251; Princess Anne, $2249; Wise, $2247; and Fauquier, $2224.

The ten counties with the highest high school average salaries are: Arlington, $3328; Fairfax, $3021; Norfolk, $2549; Warren, $2549; Stafford, $2453; Alleghany, $2413; Warwick, $2409; Wise, 2406; Dickenson, $2400; and Chesterfield, $2396.

The ten counties with the lowest elementary average salaries are: Tazewell, $1499; Wythe, $1563; Carroll, $1595; Page, $1633; Patrick, $1707; Bland, $1711; Dickenson, $1728; Greene, $1739; Scott, $1773; and Franklin, $1779.

The ten counties with the lowest high school average are: Bland, $1886; Goochland, $1934; York, $1947; James City, $1949; Patrick, $1962; Tazewell, $1976; Greene, $1985; Westmoreland, $2000; Charles City, $2003; and King and Queen, $2004.

## WESTERN DEER HARVEST OUTSHINES HOPES

The deer kill in counties west of the Blue Ridge during last season, beginning November 20, has climbed beyond the stage of infancy. Going from "the realm of near extinction" a few years back, the Virginia white-tail rebounded, with 3413 falling prey to rugged mountain hunters this year, contrasted to only 2255 last season.

This is an increase of 57.35 per cent in the period of one year.

## Local Youth Accidently Killed by Shot

A Christmas day hunting tragedy marred the holiday here, as 16-year-old Bennie Garvice Gallier was fatally wounded as his automatic shotgun went off as he leaned on the barrel. The accident is said to have occurred at 5:00 P. M., only a short distance from the Gallier home. He had been out squirrel hunting with a friend.

The youth died at about 5:40 P. M. Gunshot had pierced the lower part of the lung.

According to the report of the accident, Gallier and a high school classmate, Joe Rothgeb, had gone on a brief holiday hunting trip, and planned to return home in time for the evening milking. Gallier had just shot a squirrel, and he and his companion paused to watch two other hunters in a nearby field. He had placed the butt of his gun on the ground and said to have been leaning on the barrel when it accidently discharged, the shot entering his body beneath the arm. Rothgeb ran to the Gallier home for help, and one of the nearby hunters, F. L. Murphy, brough the victim to Appomatox.

He was born here October 14, 1935, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gallier. He is survived by his parents, and two brothers, Claude W. Gallier and Johnnie Boyd Gallier, both, of Appomattox, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret L. McCormick, of Lynchburg, and Nancy Lee Gallier, of Appomattox.

Funeral services will be conducted from Liberty Baptist Church today at 2:30, by his pastor, Dr. V. W. Sears. Interment will be in Liberty Cemetery.

## MRS. NANNIE E. WATSON DIES AT AGE 91

Mrs. Nannie Lucado Watson, widow of the late William J. Watson, died at her home in Buckingham County December 21, after an illness of two weeks.

She was the daughter of the late John and Ann Webb Lucado and was born in Appomatox County October 14, 1860.

Mrs. Watson was a lifelong member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted from the church on Sunday at 2:00 P. M., by her pastor, the Rev. O'Neil. Pallbearers were her grandsons: R. G. Austin, Irby Watson, Allen Seay, Herman Watson, Ernest Crews and Thomas Watson. Flowerbearers were granddaughters: Mesdames J. E. Glover, Wilson Robinson, J. S. Woodson, T. E. Woodson, J. H. Fulcher and Warren Ragland, and Misses Loretta and Louise Watson.

She is survived by the following children: George R. Watson and W. R. Watson, of BuckIngham County; C. W. Watson, of Staunton, Va.; T. R. Watson, J. R. Watson and Joe F. Watson, of Appomattox; James A. Watson, of Hilton Village, Va.; Mrs. W. H. Seay, Mrs. H. E. Dunevant and Mrs. Gilbert Crews, of Buckingham County. She also leaves 34 grandchildren, 65 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

## MR. COVINGTON KILLED IN ACCIDENT MONDAY AT HOWARDSVILLE

Edward G. Covington, Jr., was found dead at Howardsville Monday afternoon, after an auto frame he was preparing apparently fell and crushed him.

At the time of the accident, he and his wife, Mrs. Billie Jane Covington, of Jackson, Mississippi, were visiting relatives in Howardsville for the holidays. Mrs. Covington is the former Miss Billie Jane Burcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Burcher, of Howardsville, formerly of Oakville, this county. She is the neice of Mrs. Bessie Cobbs and Mr. Charlie Martin, of Appomattox.

The body has been sent to Jackson for funeral services and interment.

Clashes in Egypt point to a rift between King and government.

Reds admit the capture of 1,058 men not on their prisoner list.